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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BOUCHARD

Group Art Unit: 1614

Appln. No.: 08/786,937

Examiner: M. DELACROIX

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PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

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A Notice of Abandonment mailed July 3, 2001 indicates that this Application is abandoned for failure to respond to the non-final Office Action mailed October 24, 2000. Applicant respectfully submits that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error.

Applicants timely filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on April 24, 2001, and thereafter filed an amendment addressing the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action. This response was intended to be compliant with the Rules, and, thus, the Application was unintentionally abandoned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1), a copy of the required reply, together with the petition fee under § 1.137(g)(2), are enclosed herewith.

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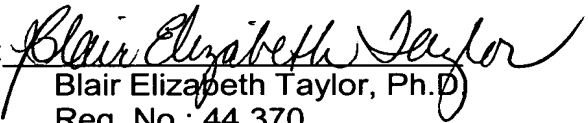
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Applicants respectfully request that the application be forwarded to the appropriate art unit for further examination on the merits.

Should the Patent Office find the enclosed fee to be deficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 11468/235299.

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